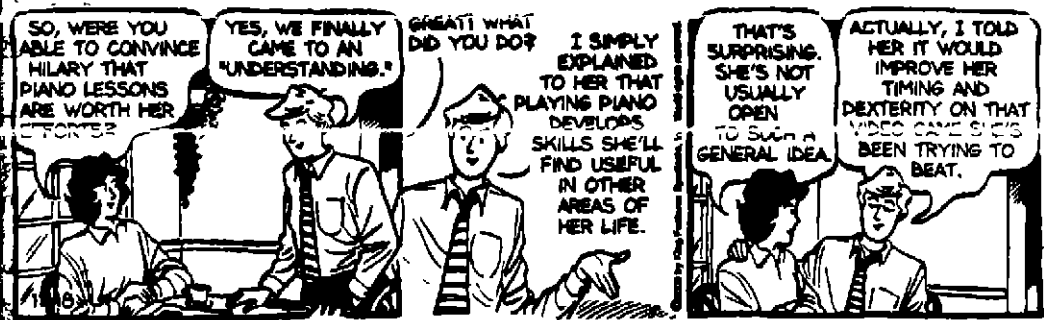


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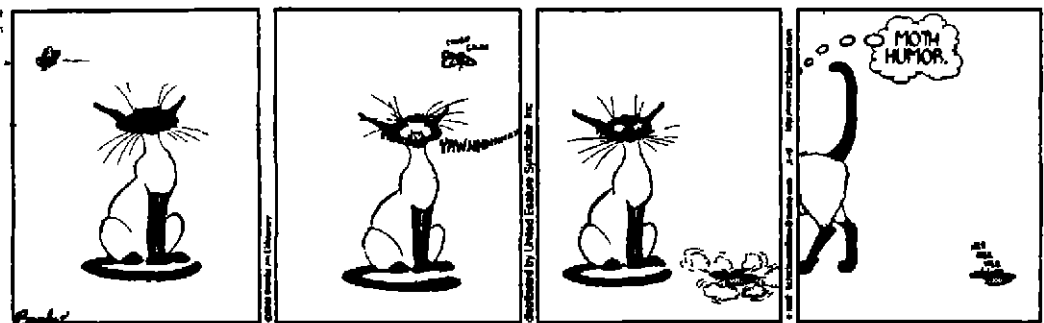
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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JUMP START



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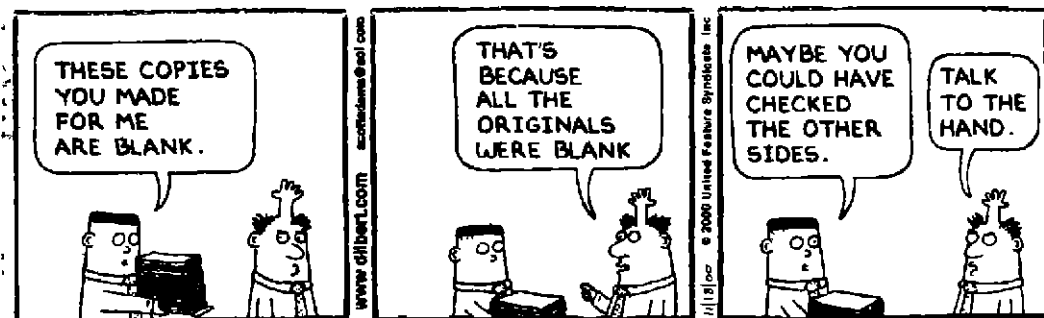
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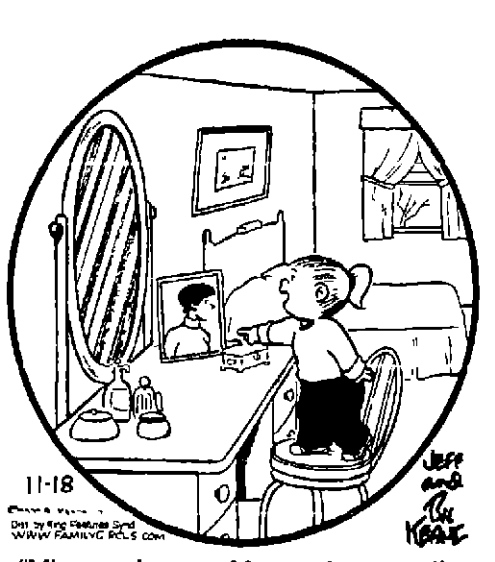
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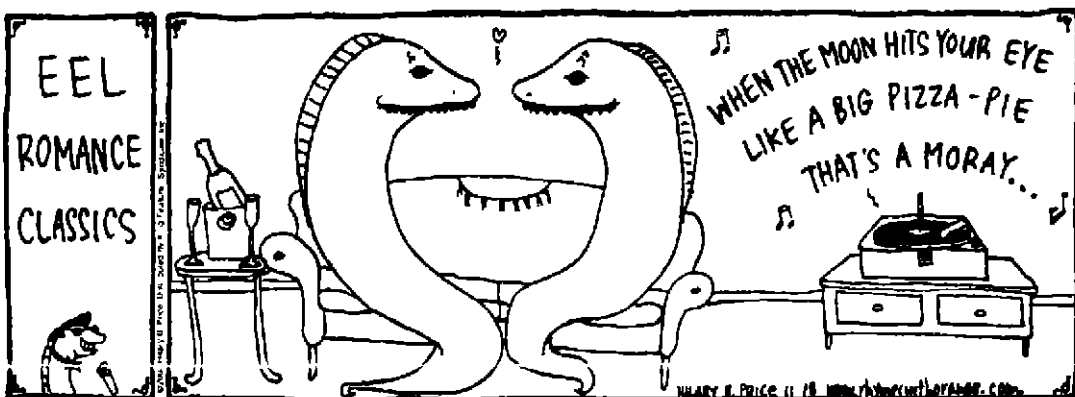
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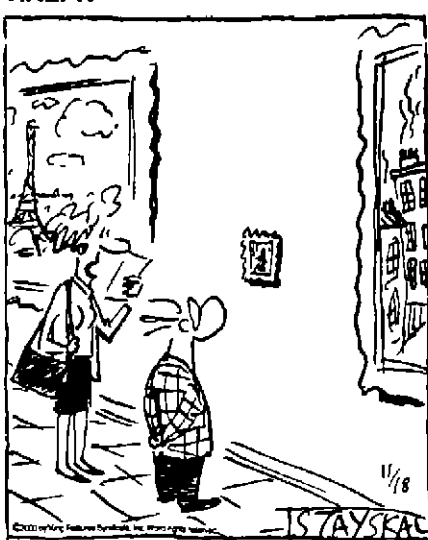
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress-comedian Imogene Coca is 92 Actor Brad Sullivan is 69. Singer Hank Ballard is 64 Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 61. Actress Linda Evans is 58 Actress Susan Sullivan is 56. Country singer Jacky Ward is 54 Actor Jameson Parker is 53. Actress-singer Andrea Marcovicci is 52 Rock musician Herman Rarebell (The Scorpions) is 51

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE game board with letters and scores.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

CHANGE-

Word search puzzle grid.

Friday's unused clue: SUN. Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unused clue: ARTICLES OF DRESS.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Nov. 19, 2000. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might have played with some situation so much that it causes others to cry wolf when you raise your voice. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are the object of someone's affections today. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Now is not the best time to tackle sensitive issues with family members. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A close female relative or friend will require your assistance in taking care of a matter. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Giving people space can sometimes encourage them to work with you. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Take advantage of your high energy level and do something good for yourself or someone you care about. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Go for the familiar rather than the adventurous, as a gamble is not likely to pay off. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Calling attention to yourself is a mistake today. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A spontaneous trip might take you somewhere you've never been before. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Be on the lookout for someone who is trying to take credit for your work. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you act on impulse today, be prepared to abide by the consequences. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Today you are ready to come to the aid of anyone who asks. Act now and ask questions later.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West leads his spade king, and East signals with his nine to encourage a continuation. West complies and leads his six to East's ace and East continues the attack, leading his trey to trap South's jack. When West cashes his fourth spade for the defensive book, what should East do? Should he signal for a club shift (the nine), or should he lie low in the bushes, playing his club trey? Will either signal help partner? The bidding marks South with 16 HCP, and dummy and East have a combined point count of 19. Clearly, West cannot hold more than the spade honors already cashed. Therefore, an encouraging signal in clubs can help only declare, not partner. Why tell South the club finesse will lose? If East discards the club trey and West exits safely in diamonds South will probably test hearts before trying the club finesse. When both turn sour, South's game goes one down. What if East discards the club nine? Then an alerted South has a winning option. He wins West's shift with dummy's club ace and cashes four diamonds, discarding his last club. Down to only four cards, East cannot hold on to four hearts and the club king, and South claims his game and rubber.

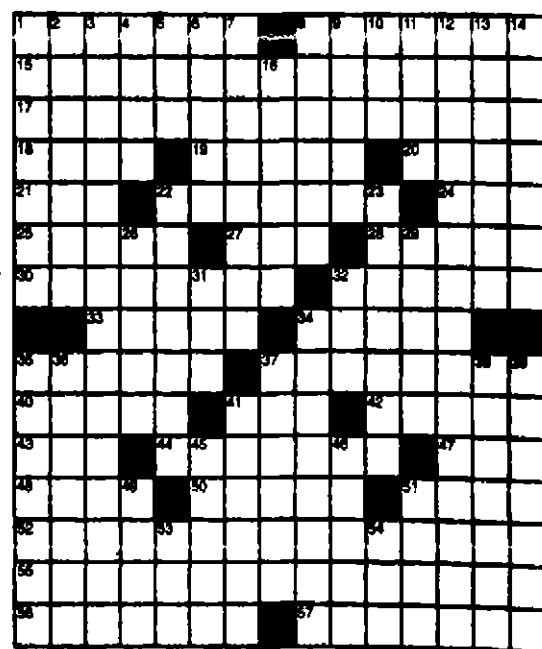
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1006

- ACROSS: 1 Pretenses, 8 Bit of hunting gear, 15 1983 Jean Shepherd film memoir, 17 Popular Civil War song, 18 Vanity plate in a two-car household, 19 Wonderland cake message, 20 Stumbles, 21 Suffix with either, 22 Touch up, 24 Vox, 25 Meeting convoked by an ancient king, 27 Committee member, maybe: Abbr., 28 A letter provides one, 30 Couldn't stand, 32 Bluffs, 33 Criminal subduer, 34 Tore, 35 One with an eye for fine clothing?, 37 Industrial category, 40 "Tiny Alice" dramatist, 41 Problem in historical records, 42 All-night bar?, 43 Fruits de (menu heading), 44 Peeft accompaniment, 47 Brit. military decoration, 48 Reassuring response, 50 Propose as an explanation, 51 Time, for wine, 52 World leader who wrote a novel, "The Cardinal's Mistress", 55 Reciprocal relationship, 56 Dieted, 57 Shot measures?, DOWN: 1 Ninny, 2 Ranch land, 3 Writer whose first book, 1846, sold only two copies, 4 "There is little reason in...", 5 Dance move, 6 First name in cosmetics, 7 "Caseblanca" villain, 8 Smoked ham, 9 In accordance with, 10 Coco, clock setting, 11 Word repeated in a French Hamlet's soliloquy, 12 What country inns provide, 13 It may be worn in a chair, 14 Chorus dancers, 16 Ready to frame

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PEPPER JAMAROCK AMORAL STAYEDON PILOTS LONESOME ALIBI FANG RAW SECONDINCOME ENGARDE CANDO GARD DEC FAROUT ABA DADOMEN SCI POIROT NEA SEYS NODOZ STARLET COMETINSECOND SPFF YENS TUNER WARHORSE STROVE ANAISININ REESES PENCHANT ORDERS



Puzzle by Chuck Manning

- 22 Gets down 'n' dirty, 23 Eurpides drama, 26 Aptly named English novelist, 29 Letters on a farm?, 31 Certain intersection, 32 Kind of number, 34 Did again, 36 U N member since 1990, 38 Natural setting, 37 Returns to base, 38 Perfume, 39 Levels, 41 Treasure guards, 45 Footless amphibians, 46 "big deal", 48 German city with a harbor, 51 Epithet of Athens, 53 Italian TV channel, 54 Some E.M.T. cases. Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years 1-888-7-ACROSS.